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Via ECFS Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1

Dear FCC,

I support broadband competition and so should the FCC. It is unconscionable that the FCC would favor only the large providers. It took the effort of a small local company (Sonic) to provide for the first time the dream of fiber high speed access at a very reasonable cost. The large providers would not commit to greatly improving their services only to cleverly market their products and pricing while only making small improvements.

Competition is good and should not be feared except by those who have nothing better to offer.

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